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DISASTROUS HOUSTON FIRE FATAL TO THREE

Veterans Memorial Building Suggested for Mexia

Identity Of Dead Is Not Yet Known

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 18.—Seven business firms in the heart of the business section were wiped out by an early morning fire today which started in the Capitol hotel.

Loss was estimated at \$300,000.

When firemen arrived on the scene the hotel was a mass of flames. Scores of guests were forced to flee into the cold drizzling rain in night attire.

Three bodies burned beyond recognition were taken from the ruins of the Capitol hotel. Several persons were slightly hurt. Firemen are to search the debris for additional victims as soon as the fire cools.

Patrolman O. G. Friday, the first to arrive on the scene, ran through the corridor of the hotel and gave the alarm. Two women, clad only in night clothes, were carried to safety by Friday when the stairway was menaced by the flames. Shortly after the firemen got the fire under control the north wall of the hotel, blown by the wind, crumbled and crashed through two floors of the Murr Dry Goods Company adjoining. Mrs. A. F. Anderson of Lakewood, N. Y., scrambled to safety down a fire ladder, carrying her baby in her arms. A dozen or more persons jumped from the second and third story windows into life nets.

Firemen are still pouring water into the smoking debris.

A check up of the hotel register is being made in an effort to learn the identity of three bodies which were so badly burned that it cannot be determined whether they are men or women. Evidently they were trapped in the smoke filled halls and fell to their death when the floors collapsed.

The origin of the fire is not known.

Jim Davis, aged night clerk, was badly burned when he narrowly escaped from the building after rescuing several women and children.

The flames spread through adjoining buildings, causing damage before the firemen could check the blaze.

GREECE MAY BE A REPUBLIC LATE THIS WEEK

ATHENS, Dec. 18.—Greece may become a republic this week. King George has been asked to leave the country by a committee representing the army and navy.

I am the summer palace at Tatton, twenty miles away, the King stayed there.

"I won't leave," he stated. "Whoever comes, let him come here and try to remove me."

By 10 o'clock it was learned that Colonel Plastiras, virtual head of the military government, had accepted an arrangement whereby King George leaves Wednesday at the latest and goes to Constanza aboard the yacht *Narciso*.

General Dimitri Venizelos has been asked by his supporters. Election victories for Venizelos and republicans brought on the movement to create a republic. King George is reported already enroute out of the country.

WICHITA FALLS, Texas.—Fred Parris, post-hole hurler, with the Chicago Cubs last season will play with the Indians next season. Pres. O. B. Harter of the local Texas league club announced on his return from Chicago. Parris is one of four players received from the Cubs in exchange for pitchers Wheeler and Osborne.

DALLAS, Texas. The Salvation Army's Christmas kettle are on the streets with their lids on tight and with signs announcing no contributions are needed. The army's quota was more than raised during a recent community chest drive.

WOMEN OPEN BANK FOR WOMEN



Miss Lillian M. Westropp

Miss Lillian M. Westropp, of Cleveland, O., has been elected President of the new Women's Savings and Loan Company, of that city, the first bank in the world managed entirely by women, for women. The Board of Directors includes women who are prominent in banking and legal circles.

Methodist Ladies Elect Officers For Next Year

At the regular business meeting of the month of December the ladies of the Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church of Mexia elected the officers for the ensuing year.

Officers elected are as follows:

President, Mrs. A. H. Berry.

Vice President, Mrs. H. B. Stevens.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Spikes.

Corresponding Sec'y, Mrs. Ernest Strange.

Local Treasurer, Mrs. Gene Sinclair.

Connectional Treasurer, Mrs. Ben Smith.

Assistant Connectional Treasurer, Mrs. Alexander.

Superintendent Young People, Mrs. Kruger.

Superintendent Children, Mrs. McFilan.

Superintendent Study, Mrs. W. B. Landrum.

Superintendent Publicity, Mrs. Allen Etchison.

Superintendent Supplies, Mrs. Mary Mayo.

Superintendent Social Service, Mrs. George Peyton.

Local Superintendent, Mrs. Roy Bass.

The members of the Missionary Society are looking forward with anticipation to the work of the coming year, and trusting that their efforts will be crowned with success that comes through the spirit of co-operation.

REBEL TROPS SAY THEY ARE ENCIRCLING MEXICAN CAPITAL

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 18.—The De La Huerta press bureau claimed his rebel troops are completing a circle about Mexico City. Headquarters less than fifty miles from the city, it is claimed.

The large auditorium of the new high school building was packed to its capacity Monday night by people of Mexia and surrounding country to attend the "opening" and presentation of the fine new building to the people.

The people commenced to arrive at 7 p. m., and toured the large building, inspecting the various rooms and splendid equipment, all of which was pronounced to be as fine as could be found in any city anywhere. It must be seen to be fully appreciated, and if you did not attend Monday night you should take advantage of the first opportunity to do so and see just what our school board has provided in the way of building and equipment for the education of our children.

Each department is supplied with the very latest in school furniture and necessities, and in each department

the program closed with special features by the Department of Physical Education under the direction of Miss Anne Earle. This consisted of the work in this department and included "animal imitations," calisthenics, witch dance and jingle bells,

Alleged Auto Thieves Are Arrested Here

Constable Joe P. Felz, assisted by members of the Police and Sheriff Departments, arrested two men accused of auto thieving on the streets Monday afternoon. They are wanted in Houston for the theft of a Ford car.

Constable Felz stated that the men were with the car when arrested. They had already dismantled the car and had sold several parts of it to three persons in Mexia. The parts were all recovered, however.

The names of the men as given the officers are, Robert Pounds and Dials. The first name of the latter was not given.

They were arrested on information received by wire from the chief of detectives at Houston and were taken into custody in less than thirty minutes after the receipt of the message.

The men are being held pending the arrival of the Houston officers.

High School Opening Is Attended Largely

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Judge Who Will Try Gov. W. T. McCray.



Judge James M. Collins, of the Marion County Criminal Court, Indianapolis, Ind., will preside at the trial in January of Governor Warren T. McCray, of Indiana, on eight indictments, charging embezzlement, larceny and forgery in connection with his \$2,000,000 financial collapse.

There was evidence of the splendid work being done by our high school faculty.

At 8 o'clock the program of the evening was carried out, as follows:

Song, Old Time Favorites, by the girls' glee club, under the able direction of Miss Anita Lettetter, and this club responded to an encore.

Superintendent Puckett made a few preliminary remarks and introduced Judge W. M. White, president of the school board, who gave a short history of Mexia schools and the conditions that made this new building necessary, stating that Mexia ranks with the best schools in Texas.

Mr. Ben Smith, former mayor of Mexia, in a few well chosen remarks, accepted the building for the people of this school district.

Here the girls' glee club rendered another splendid song, Old Fashioned Garden, accompanied by dancing, and responded to another encore.

Principal R. M. Andrews told of the high school ideals and of what they hope to accomplish, and are accomplishing, with the splendid building, equipment and faculty. He stated that it was in Mexia something over twenty years ago that he first attended a public school, as a small boy, and that he took a special pride in his work here now for that reason.

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J. Desenberg Submits Proposition Providing For Auditorium Also

In an interview late Monday with J. Desenberg of this city, he submitted a proposition whereby a Memorial Building might be built in Mexia at a early date, in honor of the veterans of the world war.

His statement is as follows:

"I have noticed several articles recently in your valuable paper regarding the building of a Public Auditorium for Mexia where its citizens can hold public meetings affecting the best welfare of this city. There is no doubt that such an institution is a public necessity and if Mexia intends to keep stride with the other civic improvements, the building of a Public Auditorium is an immediate demand. This would have been taken care of had the Y. M. C. A. building been constructed in accordance with the original ideas of such building, but since this movement has been abandoned, some other way should be entertained by citizens of Mexia for the construction of an institution of this character which would directly benefit each and every citizen of this place.

"I have a plan which might secure this, and, according to my opinion, would obtain as good results in every respect as the establishment of the Y. M. C. A. building in Mexia, namely, suppose the subscribers to the defunct Young Mens Christian Association would turn over the balance of the fund on hand, (after paying for the Public Library Building,) and the subscribers of the Hotel Company turn over the lots where it was heretofore contemplated building the Y. M. C. A., to the management of the American Legion of Mexia and let them build a Memorial Building to the veterans of the World War on the hotel lots, making same a three story building, re-

all participated in by girls in this department, who did their work with a vim, showing careful training that develops the body as well as the mind. Miss Lurie Bettis acted as Herald in this number of the program, announcing the different sub numbers with placards as she stood at one end of the stage dressed in suitable costume for the part.

The large audience repaired to the Cafeteria where refreshments consisting of hot chocolate and sandwiches were served in a systematic manner, showing the efficiency of this department.

The entertainment was a big success.

HUGHES BRINGS IN ANOTHER ALEXANDER PRODUCER

The J. K. Hughes Developing Company's Alexander 3 came in Monday and is today credited with a flow of 2,000 barrels daily. This news has been received with elation here, giving the company three producers on the Alexander tract.

The J. K. Hughes Developing Company's Morrow 1 in the Currie field is also reported as having been increased until it is now making above 10,000 barrels of fluid daily. It is not all oil, but the percentage is said to be gratifying.

NEW DAY CLERK AT THE MAJESTIC

R. N. Wright of Celeste has accepted a position as day clerk at the Majestic Hotel.

ABILENE, Texas.—Local Baptists have raised more than \$100,000 to apply on the endowment fund for Simmons college, following a campaign launched Sunday. Including the donations were five gifts of \$10,000 each. A drive will be made to raise a total of \$200,000 by January 1 to match a gift of \$100,000 given by the general education board of New York.

Steve Womack is home from school in Dallas to spend the holidays.

T. A. LEAGUERS WILL MEET HERE FRIDAY

DEFENSE RESTS IN TRIAL OF KLANSMAN EDITOR

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 18.—Phil Fox followed directions of a "voice" in killing Coburn, J. C. King, alienist, testified at the trial. "The voice of God," Fox believed directed the purchase of the weapons and other preliminaries of the slaying, the witness said on cross examination. After testifying that if the killing was done with a motive Fox would not be acting as a crazy man, King said, Fox was obediently following the commands of a "voice." Witness told of examinations for insanity made on Fox, and said his conclusion was that man paranoid based on physical tests which showed pulse 104 and abnormal reflexes which could not be "faked."

The defense rested the case. The prosecution in rebuttal are expected to develop a number of sensational angles hinted at previously.

HOTEL OWNER IN OKLAHOMA IS SHOT IN AN AFFRAY

DUNCAN, Ok., Dec. 18.—Albert Borch, 45, hotel owner is dead and Robert Jernigan, negro porter is in a critical condition at Marlow near here today as the result of a shooting affray during the night. The affray was said to have started when a mob attempted to force Borch to discharge the negro in conformance with an order served a few days ago. Jernigan was in the hotel at the time of the shooting. Accusation of improper conduct in public with negro waitresses were made against Jernigan several days ago and Borch was asked to release him. Jernigan denied the charges.

WAXAHACHIE, Texas.—R. E. Sparkman, Italy, has announced he will be a candidate for state commissioner of agriculture and will make public his platform in a few days. Sparkman, a farmer, has served on term in the state legislature.

Baseball Men To Consider Future Of League

By HECK
Another meeting of the moguls of the T. A. league has come and went and still the burning question of who will be the next president is unanswered, but everything will be settled in Mexia, Friday 21, when the said moguls will congregate and go to the mat.

ONLY
5
DAYS LEFT
TO SHOP

with all questions that come up for action—and there is plenty of them. The first and main question is the election of a new president or re-electing W. R. Davidson to that important chair and my hunch is that there will be a new man elected although I have no "inside" information on the subject other than that two club owners are going to nominate a candidate each for the office but I can't tell you who the club owners are or who they will nominate even though I know but I can say that both club owners will be disappointed as neither of the two candidates have the least chance of being elected. There has been whispers of Joe Gardner or Donk Roberts, both of Dallas and the latter now president of the Texas League, but I believe that "whispering" is as far as either is concerned as it is now. Gardner is far more popular at his swimming pool than he is in baseball—and that lets him out. A. B. Johnson of Marlin may be the dark horse in spite of the fact that he don't want the job—in fact no one seems to want the job but Joe Gardner and I can't figure out why he wants it—guess there is a nigger in the woodpile somewhere or something. Anyhow the meeting will be a humdinger and regardless of who is elected to the president's chair I'll bet a bunch of Star Navy that he can't find as many rotten umps in one bunch as we suffered with last season which I fully believe was the prize collection in captivity. I am not blaming president Davidson for finding them—he took someone else's word for their capabilities—but I sure think he held on to some of them longer than he should have—how about it, Ebanks, don't you think so?

Sherman was officially dropped at the meeting of the 18th and everybody was tickled as the northern village was to the T. A. league what a running sore is to a mules back and Max Gibbs should be happy now that he went all the way to Chicago to have the pennant awarded to Sherman by the National Association and he is welcome to all the glory that goes with it—and that is all he got! Let's hope Temple has a representative at Friday's meeting so we can get the sixth city in the loop and get down to work with the schedule and other business. Temple wants in and can get in so what holds them back I don't figure. Right now everybody is all hetup over the Waco-Abrilene football game for the state championship and Abilene seems to be the favorite among Mexia sports but my hunch is that the Tigers from the banks of the Brazos will again be crowned champs and I am pulling for them to win—however, Abilene has a good team so don't none of you bet on Waco just because I am.

Patterson's Column

HEATH-KIRKHAM

A most impressive wedding was quietly solemnized at high noon Sunday, Dec. 16, 1923, when Mary Grace, the beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kirkham became the bride of F. Darnell Heath of Dallas.

Rev. C. E. Wilkins, also of Dallas and brother-in-law of the bride, officiating.

After Mrs. W. P. Boling sang, "I Love You Truly," she softly played Lohengrin Bridal March. Preceded by little Doris Boling, bearing the ring, the bride and groom entered and took their places before the improvised altar which had an embankment of cut flowers and made a beautiful setting for the solemnity of the ceremony.

The bride's bouquet was of white crysanthemums with a shower of bridal wreath and ferns.

Mrs. Heath was a former student of Baylor University and at present is a student of S. M. U. where she expects to complete her course of study.

Mr. Heath being a young business man of Dallas with bright prospects before him. Their friendship leading back to High school days.

At home to friends 4617 Ash Lane after Dec. 20, 1923.

Both having friends in Mexia who wish them every happiness.

Any one wishing a calendar that owns a car and has not received a card we will be glad to give you one if you will call at our No. 1 Station and fill out one of the cards. Mexia Battery and Tire Co., Inc. 18-10

MEXIA PANTS WANTED

ON PACIFIC COAST

Renodo, California is a long ways from Mexia, but not too far for folks to want Mexia-sold pants. John Phillips of Karner & Phillips today received a letter from a party in that city of the Pacific Coast, asking about "Lee's Khaki pants," saying that he could not find them in Los Angeles and wanting Mr. Phillips to parcel post him a pair.

But Patterson's is Best Mexia has seen!

TRACEY HAS the talent

FOR RHYMING and if he

STICKS TO it as a hobby

AND NOT as a vocation

IT WILL afford him and

HIS FRIENDS a lot of fun

AND PLEASURE but if he

TRIES TO make a living

AT VERSIFYING he will

PROBABLY STARVE

TOMORROW I will announce

THE NAME of the

WINNER OF the third prize

SO WATCH this column

AND ABOVE all don't

FORGET THAT at our store

YOU GET just what you pay

FOR AND pay no more than

IT IS really worth

AND IN spite of the

CROWDS WE can wait upon

YOU PROMPTLY

I THANK you

—Patterson.

Mexia Drug Co.

Takes pleasure in announcing the arrival of their holiday goods, which are now on display at their store.

The line includes a complete assortment of the following:

EVERSHAP PENCILS

WAHL'S PENS AND PENCILS in silver and gold sets.

JEWELRY of the latest designs and patterns.

EASTMAN KODAKS and Supplies.

TOILET GOODS of the leading manufacturers in fancy holiday packages.

STATIONERY in fancy packages including the famous SYMPHONY LAWN.

HIGH GRADE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR GREETING CARDS

ALSO a large assortment of TESTAMENTS AND BIBLES.

MANY other articles that will please you.

We solicit your purchases on above items, as well as your prescription and drug needs.

Always Pleased to Serve You

Mexia Drug Company, Inc.

The Rexall Low Priced Store

Phone No. 6-201 E. Commerce.

Where Do You Live?

E. Commerce

E. Milam

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Pioneer News Stand

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 12, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:

I am asking you to bring me a wicker doll buggy and a doll dresser and gold pincel and don't forget my little baby sister. I want you to bring her a rattle and a rubber doll.

Your little friend,
Alice Nanine Waller.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 14, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 7 years old and I go to school every day and I dearly love my teacher. Please bring me a pair of pants to wear with my boots, pair boxing gloves, candy fruit and nuts. Please don't forget my teacher, Miss Julia Kaul.

Your little friend,
Anderson Hall.

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Those Swindled In Big Deal To Go Before Jury

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Victims of Leo Koretz's astounding oil swindle which is now believed to have netted him \$10,000,000 were to appear before a grand jury here today. They are expected to tell many important details of the gigantic fraud.

At the same time Mrs. Koretz will testify in a bankruptcy hearing which is expected to indicate the extent of the swindle.

The wife of the "second Ponzie," it is believed, knows little of her husband's business operations, however.

When the "oil bubble" first exploded, Mrs. Koretz was living with her children in an expensive suburban home, surrounded by many luxuries, all gifts of her husband, whom she believed was a millionaire "broker." Koretz, it is said, spent little time at his home.

While investigation of the swindle was in progress here, others were attempting to trail the missing Koretz on his flight. According to the latest evidence he was last seen in New York on Dec. 5. At that time, according to investigators, Koretz complained to friends that he was "sick and tired."

"I have been having trouble," Koretz is said to have declared, "and I'm sick and tired of the worries connected with this oil business. I'm going away for a long, long time and you may never see me again."

"My physician gives me only six months to live."

About that time, I met Mr. Schuiz and thanked him for the splendid article appearing in the home daily Monday in which he asked the question as to whether or not isolation does any good. I asked him if he thought taxes taxed, and he said they did. I told him that I approved Mr. Mellon's working up of the bill to get Johnson to take from us our tax coverage in a tenth of a cent from the coast to coast."

Mrs. J. P. Gandy, of 1225 N. Main Street, came to my office on the holiday season and said she differed with Andrew, since he had in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gandy.

J. P. Gandy, who is vice-president of Dallas, has

ON THE WAY DOWN TOWN

By SLYBOOTS

I was afraid to come to town down "Main Street" this morning, since I learned that one or two people here got sore at The News Sunday for carrying the article on the front page that referred to the action of the Mexia Rotary in conferring the honor of "President Emeritus" of the club on Colonel Albert E. Humphreys, its first president, and regarding the banquet he tendered a few Mexia Rotarians and their friends in Dallas recently.

Some of those doing the criticizing, too, were brother Rotarians with Brother Humphreys, saying that the bunch at The News was a crowd of hero worshippers. It occurred to me when I heard about it that the critics had inverted the Rotary slogan and had the idea that Rotary means "Self Above Service" and not as it says, "Service Above Self."

So I came down the alleys and wondered whether it was really true that these downtown would some day be paved, like The News has been saying they would since November 1921.

I ran into Tevis Morrow and told him to get out of my way, please, as I was in a hurry to get Dr. Hamm, as my wife and our six children were suffering with the measles and I wanted medical attention for them right at once. Tevis told me that he has evolved a wonderful scheme for phonograph records. I asked him what he had in mind. He said that the discs should be made by taking physicians' directions. Thus, says he, instead of calling a doctor when you're sick, put on the measles record and follow orders.

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And the "woman angle," in Koretz's affairs, first injected into the investigation when it was found he had been living in another part of Chicago for four years as "Al Thompson," a woman known as "Mrs. Brownell," became more complex still. Investigators, working up the story of Andrew, told him that I approved Mr. Mellon's working up of the bill to get Johnson to take from us our tax coverage in a tenth of a cent from the coast to coast."

Robert E. Gandy, who is vice-president of Dallas, has

body the time they need to make their payments. Fred Karner had joined the crowd by then, siding with Val and adding that our history is replete with stories describing events which were the result of taxation without representation, like the Boston Tea Party and Bunker Hill. He said the hill was still at Boston. Owen F. Watkins was by this time on his way to the American Legion luncheon or for a cup of coffee, but he took time to throw in the information that "The Bunk has moved on to Washington."

I knew I had no business being caught in the alley with that bunch, so I adjourned.

TURKEYS
During the holidays 20c pound dressed. Pecans 5 pounds and over 15c. Sawyer Produce Co. 18-7

E. L. Smith reached home this morning from Dallas. E. L. Jr., has been quite sick at the home of grandparents at Carrollton, but is better today.

THE MEXIA DAILY NEWS

DIDN'T GET MUCH

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 18.—Even the tastes of burglars sometimes become jaded and they crave variety.

An intruder who rifled the home of S. Thornton here slipped out with an ice cream dipper and two lead pencils.

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WOMAN BASKETBALL TEAM

EASTLAND, Texas, Dec. 18.—Eastland is to have a woman's basketball team.

A number of women who formerly lived in the North, where the game is played extensively by women, have banded together and organized a team. They will pattern their uniforms after those of the New York Yankees, and have written the management of the Yanks, asking for information on the color of the suits the world's champion baseball players wore, etc.

E. L. Smith reached home this morning from Dallas. E. L. Jr., has been quite sick at the home of grandparents at Carrollton, but is better today.

Any one wishing a calendar that owns a car and has not received a card we will be glad to give you one if you will call at our No. 1 Station and fill out one of the cards. Mexia Battery and Tire Co., Inc. 18-10

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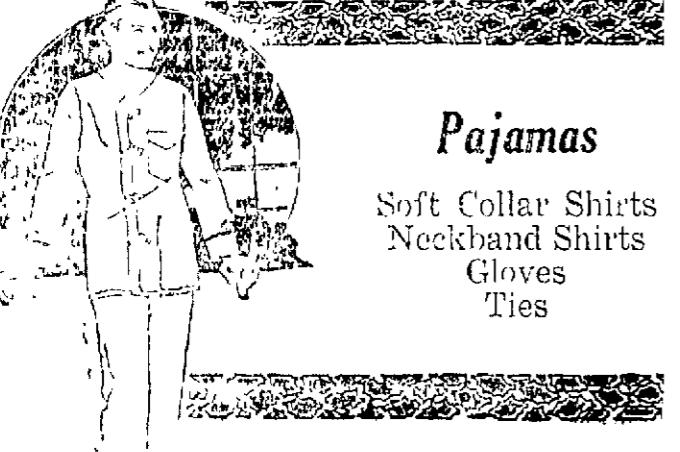
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SHOW'S OVER

Short skirts have had their day,

And now

They're trailing on the ground,

I vow

Shy modesty once more

Is queen;

No more the dimpled knee

Is seen.

Now legs are limbs—at least

Pro tem,

Because we don't see much

Of them,

From short to long their course

They've run,

And now the free burlesque

Is done.

—Edgar Daniel Kramer.

DALLEY.—Proposed highway thru Dimmit county to Eagle Pass being surveyed.

LOONEY ACCEPTS JUDGESHIP

GREENVILLE, Texas, Dec. 17.—Gen' F. Looney, appointed by Governor Neff as associate justice of the fifth court of civil appeals at Dallas, has accepted the post. Looney sent a telegram of acceptance to the governor last night. Looney succeeds Judge Dexter Hamilton, resigned.

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AID TO AUTOMOBILE OWNERS
IN APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE

As a matter of public service the office of the Chamber of Commerce has provided itself with an Automobile license rate book and blank applications for license and will be glad during the Christmas Holidays to assist automobile owners in making out their applications for license under the new system.

The office hours for this service will be from 8 a. m. to noon and from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m.

The new applications for license differ somewhat from those forms formerly used, but are not complicated. However, it is essential that full information be sent in the application.

The following information is indispensable in making out a complete application:

If the car has been previously registered in Texas, give license and plate number used during 1923.

The name, model and year made.

The horse power according to insurance rating previously used.

The engine number.

Factory serial number.

Seating capacity.

Person or firm from whom the car was purchased.

The tax collector's office states that where this information is not complete it is useless for the party to send application to him, and if the information is not given completely, it will

be returned and the party will have to do it all over. In order to avoid duplication of effort and the necessity of doing things over, automobile owners should have complete information when they come to the Chamber of Commerce office in the City Hall building, to have their applications filled out.

ROTAN.—Spur track being built to site of gypsum plant to be constructed by Universal Gypsum company of Chicago.

18-10

JUNCTION.—Construction of new high school building under way.

18-10

W. R. STOREY, E. C.

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With the advent of the Bolshevik regime, possessions of the Friede family were swept away and Captain Friede luckily escaped with his life.

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Knights Templar
Meeting Tonight
Former Russian
Soldier Now An
American Citizen

GALVESTON, Texas, Dec. 18.—Behind the simple announcement that Herman Victor Friede, civil engineer, had been granted American citizenship papers, lay a tale of the World War's desolation in Russia.

Petrograd knew Friede as the son of Baron Friede, member of one of the oldest families in Russia. During the war he won three distinguished service medals for heroic conduct as a Captain of Cossacks.

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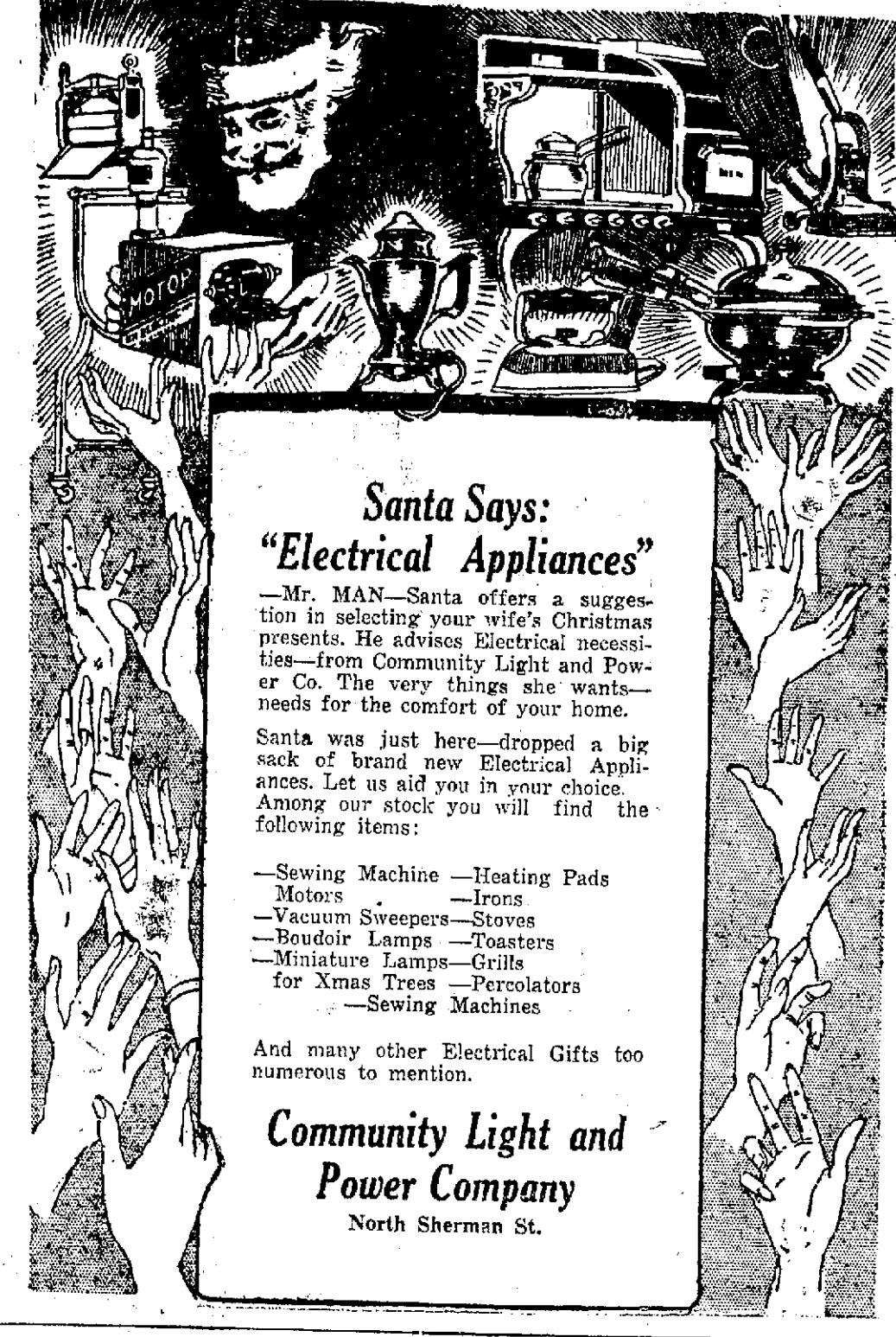
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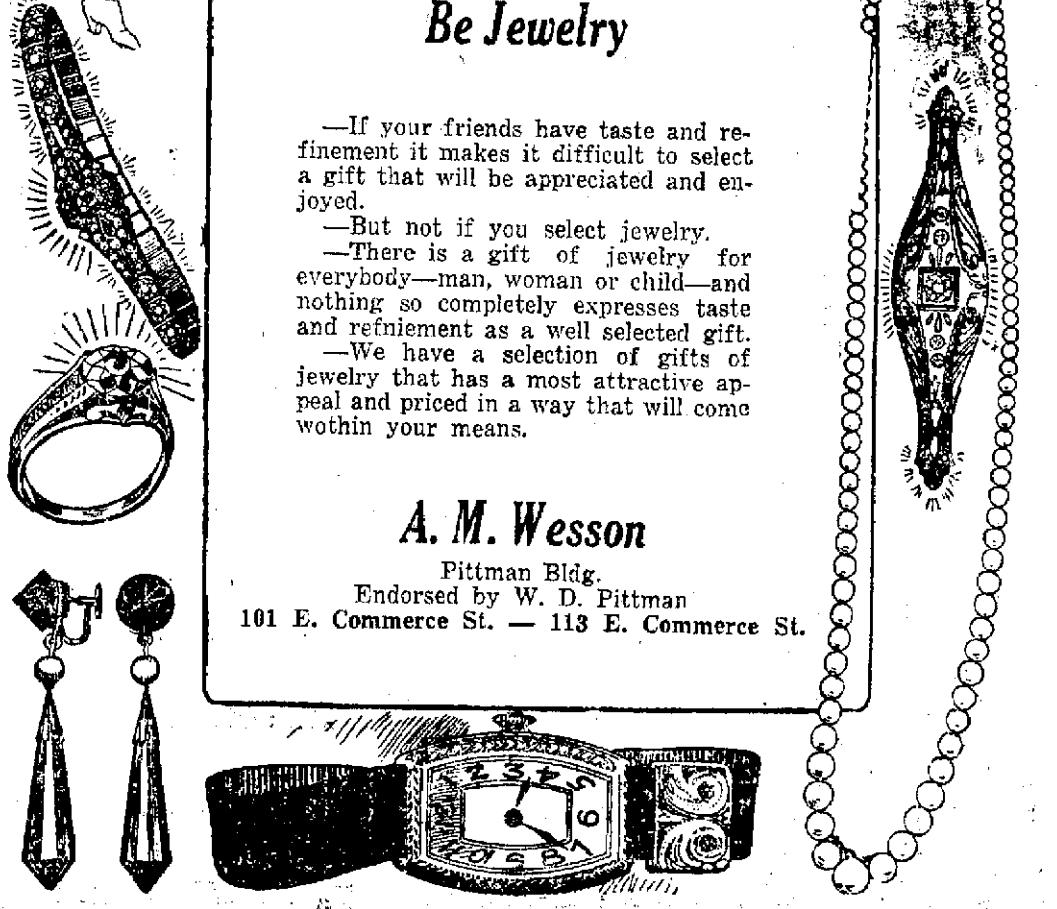
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AMERICAN AND PACIFIC LEAGUE ASSOCIATIONS BEING WATCHED

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Blocked on all sides by a demand for everything or nothing, the major league magnates in need of improvements for the 1924 pennant races, will turn to the American Association and the Pacific Coast League.

These two powers of the Class AA leagues have made some concessions to the majors on the draft and they are now in position where they can accept players from the big time owners.

The Giants and Yanks couldn't get any place in their attempts to trade with major league clubs because their rival clubs felt in no humor to add more strength to the two clubs that have enough power now.

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would not pay the cash that Jack Dunn demands for the two stars.

When the Giants announced that they had turned down several offers of \$30,000 and more for Bill Terry, with the Toledo club last year, the belief was strengthened here that McGraw has disposed of George Kelly, the tall first-base man, or that he is figuring on him for a trade. It is rumored that Kelly will be one of the players that may go to the Cincinnati Reds in a deal for Eddie Roush or the Cards for Rogers Hornsby.

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The use of Sage and Sulphur for restoring faded, gray hair to its natural color dates back to grandmother's time. She used it to keep her hair beautifully dark, glossy and attractive. Whenever her hair took on that dull, faded or streaked appearance, this simple mixture was applied with wonderful effect.

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pended upon to restore natural color and beauty to the hair.

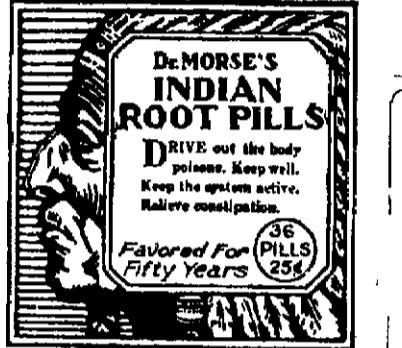
"A well known down town druggist says it darkens the hair so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied. You simply dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two it becomes beautifully dark and glossy." (Adv.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Johnny Dundee, featherweight champion of the world, and Jack Bernstein, junior lightweight champion, will meet tonight in Madison Square Garden for the 130-pound championship. The contest and a number of all-star bouts will be held for the New York Christmas fund.

Wayland Mondy, the head of the department of Modern Languages at Westminster, was a visitor to Mexia Monday afternoon.

Nine Indicted Connection With Oil Promotion

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 17.—Nine indictments, charging fraudulent use of the mails in connection with oil stock promotion, were returned by the federal grand jury. Fifteen defendants are involved. Among them is Y. E. Hildreth of the Mexia-Wortham Oil and Leasing Syndicate and the Neo Oil and Gas Company.



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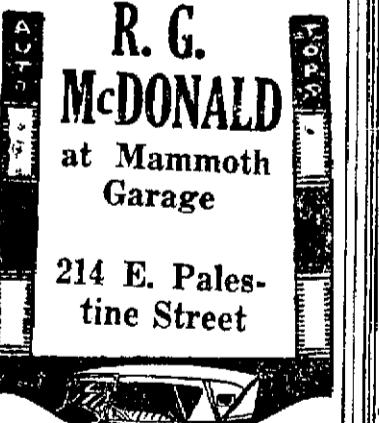
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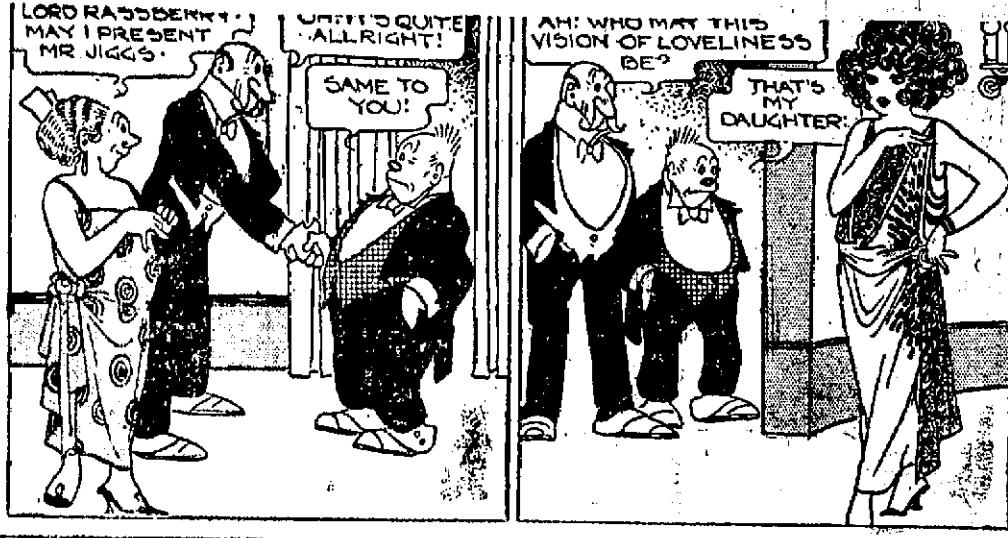
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EARN \$20 WEEKLY space time at home, addressing mailing music, circulars. Send 10¢ for music, information. America Music Co., 1685 Broadway, Dept. Y-10, N. Y. 10A7

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LOST—White and red spotted bird about 10 months old on Tehuacana road about two weeks ago. Notify C. W. Fowler, Tehuacana, Tex. 17D3

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Banquet Given Westminster Football Squad

Saturday evening the annual football banquet of the Athletic Association of Westminster College was held at the Girls' Dormitory at Tehuacana.

The entire student body and faculty took part in entertaining and commanding the squad for their excellent record for this year. An excellent menu was served and followed by a varied and interesting program in which several members of the faculty and student body took part.

**Mexico City Shows
No Signs Of The
Revolution --- Yet!**

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 18.—An interesting account of conditions in Mexico City and the country through which she passed on the way to the United States was given by Miss Gladys Mintz, daughter of Mrs. S. A. Mintz, of Dallas, on her arrival here. Miss Mintz returned to Dallas last week with the first trainload of foreigners from the Mexican capital since the revolution began.

"There is little sign of a revolution in Mexico City and Americans who are staying there will suffer very little danger if they stay in their restricted zone placed by the American consul," said Miss Mintz. "These are the American hotels, drug stores, cafes, and main streets," she added.

"Foodstuffs are going up slightly and restrictions were being placed on sugar when I left. The American consul advised all Americans who were not on urgent business to leave as it was possible that within the next few days the last avenue of escape might be severed if the rebels destroyed the Mexican National Railway at San Luis Potosi. The only route out of Mexico City now is by way of Laredo," she said.

Miss Mintz said they had no trouble on the trip except that the train was searched by soldiers and governmental representatives. At one time, she said, the train was boarded by soldiers who got off at Monterrey but passengers were not bothered.

Miss Mintz has been appearing in a dancing act on the program at the St. Regis Hotel, American tourists' headquarters in Mexico City, for the past two months. She has received much praise from the capital city newspapers and expressed a desire to return when things become quiet again.

SHERIFF'S SALE
State of Texas, County of Limestone. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dallas County, of the 14th, day of Dec. 1923, by the District Clerk of said Dallas County, for the sum of \$1800.00 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Foreclosure and Deed of Trust Lien,

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How can Harold Lloyd keep up the pace?

That is a question that has puzzled people inside the motion picture industry as well as the millions of followers Lloyd has won by his clean, whole-some comedy on the screen.

Yet he does. He followed "A Sailor-Made Man" with a great picture in "Grandma's Boy." He maintained the pace with "Dr. Jack," and with "Safety Last" he hit a notch which many felt would be impossible for him to hit again.

Nevertheless, he has in "Why Worry?" a six-reel farce which will be shown at the National Theatre today. "Why Worry?" will win many new friends for Lloyd. It is going to prove that Lloyd cannot set a pace too fast for himself. Each picture he makes it becomes more difficult, of course, for him to equal its predecessor, but by a greater effort he always does.

"Why Worry?" was seven months actually in production. He started it in December, and the finishing touches were not put on it until June, or just before Harold and his young bride, Mildred Davis, left for New York on their delayed honeymoon. Few pictures take that long in work. It was a difficult production to make, yet the harder they are the more vigor Lloyd and his staff put back of their efforts.

Lloyd never has taken a step backward. He always travels forward.

Mrs. Major Vickers was a visitor to Mexia Monday.

in favor of in a certain cause in said court, No. 49016-7 and styled Fidelity Savings Trust Company, versus Mrs. Della Box, the surviving wife of S. A. Box, deceased, Clarence Box, Alvie Box, Mable Box, Homer Box, Ruby Box, Herman Box, Branton Box and Mrs. Della Box, Guardian of the Estates of Clarence, Alvie, Mable, Homer, Ruby, Herman, and Branton Box, Minors.

The Plaintiff, Fidelity Savings

Trust Company, recovered, in the District Court of Dallas County, '68th, Judicial District of Texas, a judgment against the said defendants, Della, Box, for the sum of \$1800.00 principal, \$424.80 interest and \$222.48 attorney's fees, together with interest on \$222.48 principal and interest at the rate of 10% per annum and interest at the rate of 6% per annum on \$222.48 attorney's fees from November 13th, 1923.

And placed in my hands for service, I Whit Popejoy, Sheriff of Limestone County, Texas, did, on the 17th, day of December, A. D., 1923, Levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Limestone County, Texas, described as follows:

FIRST TRACT: 42 acres of land described as beginning at the Southeast corner of lot No. 1, in the Adams-O'Neal subdivision of said Chas. Roberts League, in the North line of the 40 acre tract known as the Limestone County, Land; Thence North 30 West 558 varas to the Northeast corner of said 21 acre tract; Thence North 30 East 558 varas to the place of beginning, being part of the land conveyed by Mrs. Alice Stem, a rock for corner; Thence South 60 West 298 varas to corner; same being the Southwest corner of a 21 acre tract designated by S. A. Box and wife as a part of their homestead; Thence North 31 west 558 varas to the Northeast corner of said 21 acre tract; Thence North 60 East 298 varas to corner; same being the 5th tract of land described as beginning at the Southeast corner of lot No. 1, in the Adams-O'Neal subdivision of said Chas. 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FORMS PREPARED FOR TAX RETURNS

INCOME TAX REPORTS FOR 1923
MUST BE MADE BETWEEN JAN.
1 AND MARCH 25.

The following statement is issued by James W. Baes, collector of internal revenue, Austin, of the First district of Texas:

Assured by the bureau of internal revenue of prompt service in furnishing the necessary forms, taxpayers need experience no delay in the filing of their income tax returns for the year 1923. The filing period is from January 1 to March 15, 1924. On January 2—the first being a holiday—forms for filing individual corporation partnership, personal-service corporation, information, fiduciary, and other returns required by the revenue act will be available at the office of collector of internal revenue, Austin, and following branch offices: Waco, Houston, San Antonio and El Paso. After January 2, a copy of the form desired may be obtained on written request.

Form 1010A, heretofore used for filing returns of individual net income of \$5000 and less, from whatever source derived, has been revised and simplified in the interests of the largest class of taxpayers, salaried persons and wage earners. The new form will be used for reporting net incomes for the year 1923 of \$5000 and less derived chiefly from salaries and wages. Reducing to a minimum the problem of correctly making out an income tax return, Form 1010A consists of a single sheet in which space is provided for answers to only three questions in relation to income, salaries, wages, commissions, etc., interest on bank deposits, notes, mortgages and corporation bonds, and "other income." On the reverse side are instructions. Formerly Form 1010A has consisted of six pages, the questions pertaining not only to salaries and wages, but to income from business, professions, sales of real estate, and other sources. It is estimated that for the year 1923 more than 4,000,000 persons, or 70 per cent of those who annually are required to file income tax returns will use the new form.

Persons, any part of whose income for the year 1923 was derived from business or profession, farming, sale of property or rents regardless of the amount, will be required to use the larger form, 1010. The use of form 1010 will be required also in cases where the net income was in excess of \$5000, whether from salaries, business, profession, or other taxable sources. Formerly Form 1010 was used only for reporting individual net income of more than \$5000.

Forms for filing individual returns of income will be sent to persons who filed similar returns for the year 1922. It being impossible to determine this year the form desired by the taxpayer—whether he be a man whose income was derived chiefly from salary or wages or from business, profession or other taxable sources—the taxpayer will receive both forms and is advised to note carefully the instructions regarding their use.

THE NERVE OF HIM
Mrs. Hoolihan: "Sue an' the landlord flirted this mornin'."
Mr. Hoolihan: "What? Did you?"
Mrs. Hoolihan: "Naw, wed death. He had the nerve to ask me for the rent, and us only four morts be hunt."—American Legion Weekly

A LESSON
Milly: "Miss Oldan caught a burglar in her room and married him to reform him."
Billy: "And did it work?"

Milly: "Well—at least it taught him to be more careful."—American Legion Weekly

State-wide industrial survey reports capital investment in Texas in excess of \$600,000,000, with 650 manufacturing plants, and total annual value of \$1,000,000,000 in manufactured products.

NOTICE—Anyone contemplating buying a Butter-Kist Popcorn machine will profit now and later on by communicating with A. F. Epperson at the Oasis Confectionery at Mexia Texas.

Last Sunday evening at eight o'clock a Christmas pageant was given at the M. P. church at Tehuacana the main feature of which was the representation of the birth of Christ. The program was followed by several short addresses from the pastor Rev. H. M. Thompson, and others and was well enjoyed by all who attended.

We charge 25¢ for delivering gasoline any place in the city limits, 50¢ thereafter. Applies to everyone. Mexia Battery & Tire Co., Inc. 1810

Miss Lucile Corley as returned to her home here, following an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. J. B. Gambrell of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Rex Forrest who was operated on recently at Temple, is reported to be resting nicely at present, a bit of information that will delight her friends.

Mexia merchants want your trade. Trade with home town people.

EARLY END OF REVOLUTION PREDICTED

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 18.—The only semblance of success achieved by the rebels on the front was when they marched into Puebla, which was voluntarily evacuated by the Federals, is officially announced. Obregonists are predicting a speedy end to the rebels soon as the general attack is launched under Obregon's personal direction.

BOWIE.—100,000 lbs. dressed turkeys shipped to eastern markets this season bring farmers over \$20,000.

ORANGE—Sun Company's No 2 Carrie Brown well came in making 5,000 bbls daily.

DALLAS—Improvements calling for expenditure of \$1,000,000 planned by Texas and Pacific Railway

Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association to distribute \$1,207,702 to members on December 15.

POSTOAK—Pipe line to be installed from Taylor No 1 produced to Sap Railway.

ENNIS—\$60,000 bond issue for waterworks and sewer system approved by attorney general.

Columbia and West Columbia vote \$150,000 bond issue for improvement of 11½ miles of highway.

AMARILLO—American Railway Express Company to complete construction of new depot, January 1.

BALINGER—Work to start at once on new irrigation project on Colorado river.

DALLAS—Twenty-story bank building to be erected at intersection of Main street and Exchange Place.

SAN ANTONIO—\$30,000 building to be erected to house Friedrich fixture factory.

DALLAS—\$23,000 contract awarded for installation of water and sewer mains in new Gastonwood addition.

Courses in home study by radio—an innovation which its promoters believe may revolutionize educational methods—have been inaugurated by Columbia University in New York.

ROCKDALE—Construction of plant for manufacture of oil from crude petroleum under consideration.

New York City has over five times as many telephones as all of Russia and nearly twice as many as the whole of France.

Lucien Finch visited his brother, F. H. Finch of Wortham, last week.

HOME DRESSMAKING

By JEANNIE ROLAND
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In the Height of Fashion
Tucks as a Trimming Very Fashionable

The fancy for trimmings that features tucks galore naturally results in Paris often featuring this bit of handwork in its most exclusive of her models.

Here is a frock that will please every woman who loves smart simplicity. It is fashioned in flat crepe of dark blue color. The collar is of squirrel, but braid or silk may be substituted, if desired. Hanging

with the tucked trimmings in satin of the same color. With brown or dark blue the Jace Jabot should be a rich cream color. White is most fashionable for a black, however.

30 Republicans Leaders Stick To Cummins

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—A confidential canvass of the Senate today showed that more than thirty Republicans are agreed to stick by Senator Cummins for the chairmanship of the Interstate Commerce Committee—even if it forces the election of a Democrat, Senator Ellison D. Smith of South Carolina.

WOOLWINE WINS

PARIS, Dec. 18.—"I think I have won the fight," Thomas Lee Woolwine, former Los Angeles district attorney, said today, concerning his critical illness with hemorrhoids of the liver which necessitated a blood transfusion. Woolwine was improved and stronger today.

Mrs. R. E. Cormeans spent several days of last week with Mrs. J. R. Dulaney of Coolidge.

stick by the seniority rule and the action of their party caucus in nominating Cummins.

All parties now express the belief that there can be but one result—the election of a Democrat, Senator Ellison D. Smith of South Carolina.

STUARTS

"The Bright Corner"

LET Joy Ring Out' with one of our Christmas Radio sets. On chilly winter evenings it is much more fun to gather around one of our family Radio sets—than to go out in the cold and rain and walk to the theatre—concert—opera—or lecture. You can have all of these at home at less expense and with greater comfort.

Three and possibly four more votes were swung over to the new Progressive candidate, Senator Couzens, Michigan, in overnight confidences.

In connection with this renewed strength, the Progressives have planned to attempt again in the balloting today to thrust Couzens thru.

But the canvass of votes indicated that Couzens is facing an impossible task because thirty administration Senators are determined to

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DISASTROUS HOUSTON FIRE FATAL TO THREE

Veterans Memorial Building Suggested for Mexia

Identity Of Dead Is Not Yet Known

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 18.—Seven business firms in the heart of the business section were wiped out by an early morning fire today which started in the Capitol hotel.

Loss was estimated at \$300,000.

When firemen arrived on the scene the hotel was a mass of flames. Scores of guests were forced to flee into the cold drizzling rain in night attire.

Three bodies burned beyond recognition were taken from the ruins of the Capitol hotel. Several persons were slightly hurt. Firemen are to search the debris for additional victims as soon as the fire cools.

Patrolman O. C. Friday, the first to arrive on the scene, ran through the corridor of the hotel and gave the alarm. Two women, clad only in night clothes, were carried to safety by Friday when the stairway was menaced by the flames. Shortly after the firemen got the fire under control the north wall of the hotel, blown by the wind, crumbled and crashed through two floors of the Munn Dry Goods Company adjoining. Mrs. A. F. Anderson of Lackwood, N. Y., scrambled to safety down a fire ladder, carrying her baby in her arms. A dozen or more persons jumped from the second and third story windows into life nets.

Firemen are still pouring water into the smoking debris.

A check up of the hotel register is being made in an effort to learn the identity of three bodies which were so badly burned that it cannot be determined whether they are men or women. Evidently they were trapped in the smoke filled halls and fell to their death when the floors collapsed.

The origin of the fire is not known.

Jim Davis, aged night clerk, was badly burned when he narrowly escaped from the building after rescuing several women and children.

The flames spread through adjoining buildings, causing damage before the firemen could check the blaze.

GREECE MAY BE A REPUBLIC LATE THIS WEEK

ATHENS, Dec. 18.—Greece may become a republic this week. King George has been asked to leave the country by a committee representing the army and navy.

From the summer palace at Tatoi, twenty miles away, the King defied them.

"I won't leave," he stated. "Whoever dares, let him come here and try to remove me."

But later it was learned that Colonel Plastiras, virtual head of the military government, had accepted an arrangement whereby King George leaves Wednesday at the latest and goes to Constanza aboard the yacht Narcissus.

Former Premier Venizelos has been sent for by his supporters. Election victories for Venizelots and republicans brought on the movement to create a republic. King George is reported already enroute out of the country.

WICHITA FALLS, Texas.—Fred Press, part-time hurler, with the Chicago Cubs last season will play with the Spiders next season. Pres. O. R. Harvey of the local Texas league club announced on his return from Chicago. Russell is one of four players received from the Cubs in exchange for Pitchers Wheeler and Osborne.

DALLAS, Texas.—The Salvation Army's Christmas kettlees are on the streets with their lids on tight and with signs announcing no contributions are needed. The army's quota was more than raised during a recent community chest drive.

WOMEN OPEN BANK FOR WOMEN.



Miss Lillian M. Westropp

Miss Lillian M. Westropp, of Cleveland, O., has been elected President of the new Women's Savings and Loan Company, of that city, the first bank in the world managed entirely by women, for women. The Board of Directors includes women who are prominent in banking and legal circles.

Methodist Ladies Elect Officers For Next Year

At the regular business meeting of the month of December the ladies of the Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church of Mexia elected the officers for the ensuing year.

Officers elected are as follows:

President, Mrs. A. H. Berry.

Vice President, Mrs. H. B. Stevens.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Spikes.

Corresponding Secy., Mrs. Ernest Strange.

Local Treasurer, Mrs. Gene Sinclair.

Connectional Treasurer, Mrs. Ben Smith.

Assistant Connectional Treasurer, Mrs. Alexander.

Superintendent Young People, Mrs. Kruger.

Superintendent Children, Mrs. McFillan.

Superintendent Study, Mrs. W. B. Landrum.

Superintendent Publicity, Mrs. Allen Etchinson.

Superintendent Supplies, Mrs. Mary Mayo.

Superintendent Social Service, Mrs. George Peyton.

Local Superintendent, Mrs. Roy Bass.

The members of the Missionary So-

cieties are looking forward with antici-

pation to the work of the coming year,

and trusting that their efforts will be

rewarded with success that comes

through the spirit of co-operation.

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress and working together is success."

FOUR MEN TURNED OVER TO PEN MAN

Saturday four men were turned over here to the Transfer Agent of the penitentiary to be conveyed to Huntsville. They were brought up from Groesbeck and turned over to the agent about noon Saturday by Deputy Hicks, colored and Henry Mathis and Sheriff Jack Bradley.

They were, Zet Mosley and Rob Reese Hutchinson, white.

CONGRESS TODAY

Senate.—Resumes balloting for chairmanship of Interstate Commerce Committee. Foreign Relations Committee meets to consider routine business.

House.—Ways and Means Committee begins considering tax reductions.

REBEL TROOPS SAY THEY ARE ENCIRCLING MEXICAN CAPITAL

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 18.—The De La Huerta press bureau claimed his rebel troops are completing a circle about Mexico City. Headquarters less than fifty miles from the city, it is claimed:

The large auditorium of the new high school building was packed to its capacity Monday night by people of Mexia and surrounding country to attend the "opening" and presentation of the fine new building to the people.

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7 p.m., and toured the large building,

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Each department is supplied with

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Alleged Auto Thieves Are Arrested Here

Constable Joe P. Felz, assisted by members of the Police and Sheriff Departments, arrested two men accused of auto thieving on the streets Monday afternoon. They are wanted in Houston for the theft of a Ford car.

Constable Felz stated that the men were with the car when arrested. They had already dismantled the car and had sold several parts of it to three persons in Mexia. The parts were all recovered, however.

The names of the men as given the officers are, Robert Pounds and Dials. The first name of the latter was not given.

They were arrested on information received by wire from the chief of detectives at Houston and were taken into custody in less than thirty minutes after the receipt of the message.

The men are being held pending the arrival of the Houston officers.

High School Opening Is Attended Largely

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Judge Who Will Try Gov. W. T. McCray.



Judge James M. Collins, of the Marion County Criminal Court, Indianapolis, Ind., will preside at the trial in January of Governor Warren T. McCray, of Indiana, on eight indictments charging embezzlement, larceny and forgery in connection with his \$3,000,000 financial collapse.

There was evidence of the splendid work being done by our high school faculty.

At 8 o'clock the program of the evening was carried out, as follows:

Song, Old Time Favorites, by the girls' glee club, under the able direction of Mrs. Anita Ledbetter, and this club responded to an encore.

Superintendent Puckett made a few preliminary remarks and introduced Judge W. M. White, president of the school board, who gave a short history of Mexia schools and the conditions that made this new building necessary, stating that Mexia ranks with the best schools in Texas.

Mr. Ben Smith, former mayor of Mexia, in a few well chosen remarks accepted the building for the people of this school district.

Here the girls' glee club rendered another splendid song, The Old Fashioned Garden, accompanied by dancing, and responded to another encore.

Principal R. M. Andrews told of the high school ideals and of what they hope to accomplish, and are accomplishing, with the splendid building, equipment and faculty. He stated that it was in Mexia something over twenty years ago that he first attended a public school, as small boy, and that he took a special pride in his work here now for that reason.

The program closed with special features by the Department of Physical Education under the direction of Miss Anne Earle. This consisted of the work in this department and included "animal imitations," calisthenics, waltz dance and jingle bells,

J. Desenberg Submits Proposition Providing For Auditorium Also

In an interview late Monday with J. Desenberg of this city he submitted a proposition whereby a Memorial Building might be built in Mexia at an early date, in honor of the veterans of the world war.

His statement is as follows:

"I have noticed several articles recently in your valuable paper regarding the building of a Public Auditorium for Mexia where its citizens can hold public meetings affecting the best welfare of this city. There is no doubt that such an institution is a public necessity and if Mexia intends to keep stride with the other civic improvements, the building of a Public Auditorium is an immediate demand. This would have been taken care of had the Y. M. C. A. building been constructed in accordance with the original ideas of such building, but since this movement has been abandoned, some other way should be entertained by citizens of Mexia for the construction of an institution of this character which would directly benefit each and every citizen of this place.

"I have a plan which might secure this, and, according to my opinion would obtain as good results in every respect as the establishment of the Y. M. C. A. building in Mexia, namely, suppose the subscribers to the defunct Young Men's Christian Association would turn over the balance of the fund on hand, (after paying for the Public Library Building,) and the subscribers of the Hotel Company turn over the lots where it was heretofore contemplated building the Y. M. C. A. to the management of the American Legion of Mexia and let them build a Memorial Building to the veterans of the World War on the hotel lots, making same a three story building, re-

serving one floor for the Public Auditorium and have the balance of the building for their own use in taking over and sponsoring such community activities as would have been sponsored by the Y. M. C. A.

"It has come to my attention, as well as I am sure to that of many others, that this Post of the American Legion has already organized a Good Citizenship Bureau for the purpose of conducting an educational campaign through the public schools, of Limestone County whereby the tenets of democracy and Americanism can be taught the rising generation in line with the declaration of the principles of the American Legion. There can be no doubt of the far reaching effect of such a campaign. In addition thereto, the American Legion could easily and ably sponsor Boy Scout and Camp Fire Girl movements through the Legion and the Auxiliary and by being placed in a position so that they could properly sponsor such movements, they could unite and solidify the entire citizenship, not only of Mexia, but of the entire county, into one broad conception of the precepts and principles of true Americanism.

"The membership of the American Legion and Auxiliary is well known to all of us and is composed of many of our most sterling and worthy citizens, who like us, are deeply interested in the success and welfare of Mexia, not only from a commercial standpoint, but a moral standpoint as well, and very likely an institution of this kind could be maintained under their auspices and achieve the greatest results more economically than any organization in existence."

"The cash on hand, and possibly the sale of the balance of the lots would really pay for a three story building, one that would be a credit to our city." Now," said Mr. Desenberg, "in starting this movement, if it appeals to the citizens of Mexia, let us go right ahead and build this institution and not dilly-dally along about it and let it fall through, as other projects have done heretofore. I hope the good citizens of Mexia will put their shoulders to the wheel and have for us a Public Auditorium in the near future that each and all of us may be justly proud."

The large audience repaired to the Cafeteria where refreshments consisting of hot chocolate and sandwiches were served in a systematic manner, showing the efficiency of this department.

The entertainment was a big success.

HUGHES BRINGS IN ANOTHER ALEXANDER PRODUCER

The J. K. Hughes Developing Company's Alexander 3 came in Monday and is today credited with a flow of 2,100 barrels daily. This news has been received with elation here, giving the company three producers on the Alexander tract.

The J. K. Hughes Developing Company's Morrow 1 in the Currie Field is also reported as having been increased until it is now making above 10,000 barrels of fluid daily. It is not all oil, but the percentage is said to be gratifying.

NEW DAY CLERK AT THE MAJESTIC

R. N. Wright of Celeste has accepted a position as day clerk at the Majestic Hotel.

ABILENE, Texas.—Local Baptists have raised more than \$100,000 to apply on the endowment fund for Simmons College, following a campaign launched Sunday. Included in the donations were five gifts of \$10,000 each. A drive will be made to raise a total of \$200,000 by January 1 to match a gift of \$100,000 given by the general education board of New York.

Steve Womack is home from school in Dallas to spend the holidays.

T. A. LEAGUERS WILL MEET HERE FRIDAY

DEFENSE RESTS IN TRIAL OF KLANSMAN EDITOR

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 18.—Phil E. Fox followed directions of a "voice" in killing Coburn, J. C. King, attorney, testified at the trial. "The voice of God," Fox believed directed the purchase of the weapons and other preliminaries of the slaying, the witness said on cross examination. After testifying that if the killing was done with a motive Fox would not be acting as crazy man, King said. Fox was obediently following the commands of a "voice." Witness told of examinations for insanity made on Fox, and said his conclusion was that man paranoiac based on physical tests which showed pulse 161 and abnormal reflexes which could not be "faked."

The defense rested the case. The prosecution in rebuttal are expected to develop a number of sensational angles hinted at previously.

HOTEL OWNER IN OKLAHOMA IS SHOT IN AN AFFRAY

DUNCAN, Okla., Dec. 18.—Albert Berch, 45, hotel owner is dead and Robert Jernigan, negro porter is in critical condition at Marlow near here today as the result of a shooting affray during the night.

The affray was said to have started when a mob attempted to force Berch to discharge the negro in conformance with an order served a few days ago. Jernigan was in the hotel at the time of the shooting.

Accusation of improper conduct in public with negro waitresses were made against Jernigan several days ago and Berch was asked to release him. Jernigan denied the charges.

WAXAHACHIE, Texas.—R. E. Sparkman, Italy, has announced he will be a candidate for state commissioner of agriculture and will make public his platform

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KEEPING FRIENDSHIPS

In an article in the American Magazine, Holworthy Hall asks this question: "Are you keeping your friendships in good repair?"

Speaking of the value of courtesy he says in part: "There are a few people who imagine that to-be courteous is to be servile! They are so jealous of their dignity that they are morally cross-eyed. They don't realize that true courtesy is the trade mark of true pride and self-respect."

"Napoleon Bonaparte was no worm; but it was Napoleon, as emperor, who made way for a woman carrying a bundle of laundry and reproached his aids with the sharp command: 'Respect the burden!'—which has always struck me as the finest expression of true courtesy in any living language."

True courtesy does not consist in following a system of set rules of conduct, but it does consist in giving full value for what is received. It may be evidenced in the relation of one person to another or in the relation of a person to society. But in any case it is the result of a respectful attitude and not of a desire to create a favorable impression.

The man who carelessly flings a banana peel upon a public walk, though he may bow and scrape with the best of grace in the presence of a lady, is not intrinsically courteous. He is a fake, a swindler. He is that simply because he does not respect the personal safety of others who may wish to use that walk. He is not giving full value for what he receives.

NEED FOR CITY AUDITORIUM

The need for a city auditorium in Mexia becomes more apparent with the passing of the months. With a program of possibilities before them, Mexia people will accomplish little unless they have a town meeting place and town meetings when an opportunity is offered, in order that we may return to the good old fashioned way of meeting together and doing things. We need a city auditorium to put the city auditorium idea over, in the shortest possible time.

"M-E-X-I-A", however, is getting some good publicity out of the revolutions in the border nation. It is generally thought that this place is near the Rio Grande and is pronounced like Mexico only different.

Mexia ought to have that cotton mill, then another, then another, then another and so on. Let's get that City auditorium and then make this get more factories, and longer bucket lines.

Cotton mills and factories create a demand for agricultural products. They'll help the farmer.

GUEST OF THE HEART

By Ben B. Hunt.

IF EVRY MAN HAD FRIENDS LIKE MINE
And then my thoughts broke forth
in glee,
So glad they were that they were
free.

By BEN B. HUNT

If evry man had friends like mine
With vision great and soul sublime
The world indeed would better grow
And hearts with hope would throb
and flow.

My thoughts were shrouded deep in
gloom
Like things within a shaded room:
They could not far from earth ex-
plore.

When kept behind this darken'd door

A man may try with all his might
When thus restricted from the light
But never can be great things do
Confined within this narrow view.

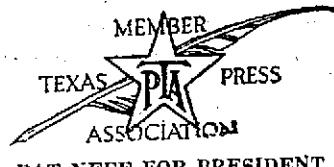
When thought behind those walls
was cramp'd
And shadows on my soul were
stamp'd,
A friend I love then call on me
And to the door he had a key.

The door he quickly open'd wide,
And laid the curtains by my side;

To thus inspire some soul each day!

CENTRAL TEXAS PRESS

By N. P. Houx



PAT NEFF FOR PRESIDENT

The action of the democratic state executive committee in session in Dallas Saturday, in indorsing Governor Neff for the presidential nomination should meet with applause throughout Texas. This should be the beginning of a real sincere boom for our splendid governor for an office that he is eminently fitted to fill. It is time that the south should come in for some of the national honors, and as she now has the chance to offer a man capable, efficient, honest and worthy she should not hesitate to line up for Pat Neff and place the banner of democracy in his hands. Texas should take the lead in this important matter. Let this endorsement not be merely an empty honor, but let us make it a serious matter and put our favorite son forward with a determination to win the nomination, and then the election.

Hurrah for Pat Neff.

God rest ye, little children; let nothing

you affright,

For Jesus Christ, your Savior, was
born this happy night;
Along the hills of Galilee the white
flocks sleeping lay.

When Christ, the child of Nazareth,
was born on Christmas Day.

—Mulock.

President Coolidge has named a negro to be head of the customs department at New Orleans. If the negro declines the proffered job he will show he is smarter than the President.—Greenville Banner.

But as a rule the "smart negroes" do not decline political jobs where there is a chance to "act smart" and endeavor to put themselves forward as leaders of their people.

We read the other day in a Detroit, Michigan, dispatch that that city has the most remarkable drove of hogs in the country. The story said there were 10,000 blind pigs in the city.—Bonham Favorite.

Detroit also engorges in the manufacture of vehicles that tend largely towards making another species of "hog" not enumerated in the above, and this species, known as the "road hog" is even more prolific than "blind pigs."—Sam Miller in Mineral Wells Index.

And just as dangerous to the public welfare.

Saying Nice Things About "Us." The Mexia Weekly Herald has been revived, after a suspension of several months. Col. Houx, former owner of the Herald, is the publisher and editor, and is fully meeting the demands of Mexia people for a real live weekly newspaper of the first class.—Kosse Cyclone.

The Texan is glad to welcome our old friend, Major N. P. Houx back to the newspaper game, the veteran editor having revived the Mexia Weekly Herald. The Major is a good newspaper man and we are always glad to receive his paper on our exchange

We bespeak success to you
Brother Houx.—Franklin Texan.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 14, 1923

Dear Major.—Just received copy of

Weekly Herald. Congratulations on

its reissuance; may it be a profitable

and pleasant task. Remember me to

Adair. I know he is highly elated over

the great blessing that came to his

home the day the Herald was started

again. Best wishes and good luck,

with the season's greetings. Sincerely,

Arthur Lefevre, Jr.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 11, 1923

Major N. P. Houx,

Care The Mexia Weekly Herald,

Mexia, Texas.

Dear Major:

I am powerful glad to see that you are back in the harness again and that you have now revived the Mexia Weekly Herald. I am sure that the people of Mexia and the surrounding country will be glad to see you back on the job again. It has not seemed quite like Mexia to us without your name on the mailing list.

From the reports that I receive, the News will probably publish your paper and it will not be necessary for us to send you our specimen book and other advertising matter just yet.

I just want to wish you an abundant success and I know that you are capable of giving your readers a paper that they will appreciate and want and

CITIZENSHIP

Thought for the Day

By A. GARLAND ADAIR

MINUTE MEN

Part 5 of Our Citizenship Creed as submitted by the American Bar Association to the citizens of this country is as follows:

5. I believe that we Americans have the best government that has ever been created—the freest and the most just for all the people—and that it is my duty to uphold and defend this Government at all times.

I believe that just as the "Minute Man of the Revolution" was ready upon a moment's notice to defend his rights against foreign usurpation, it is my duty as a patriotic American to be a "Minute Man of the Constitution," ready at all times to defend the long-established and cherished institutions of our Government against attacks, either from within or without, and to do my part in preserving the blessings of liberty for which my Revolutionary forefathers fought and died.

in doing this the advertisers will want a liberal amount of space in your paper.

Yours truly,
Barnhart Bros. & Spindler,
D. M. Johnston.

LITTLE FOXES

Showing the
Importance of
Little Things.

By A. Garland Adair

GOVERNMENT

Governments of the right sort are the greatest human institutions of history.

If a man lived a solitary existence and had little or no cooperation with his kind, it is impossible for us to conceive just how slowly he would move. He might retrograde.

With the birth of society organized into government; with the gathering together of individuals into groups whether for the purpose of defense, aggression, conquest, sociality or sustenance, came leadership and authority and a common understanding of rights and duties.

Obedience to law and enforcement of law have ever gone hand in hand where nations have risen, flourished and become permanent institutions.

It is from such gnarled roots that humanity has developed and grown the present order in society, the blossom and fruit of which will become more beautiful, sweet and nutritious as the soil from which it draws its sustenance becomes more and more rich in wisdom, knowledge, righteousness, truth and justice.

When Holiday Winds Blow!

OVERCOATS

HOLIDAY time marks dress-up time in the lives of most men—and here's the Overcoat that lends the final touch of distinction to good attire.

Particularly interesting is the present display which includes a number of late season models—just arrived—the same styles that will be shown next season. At present prices you are truly given a holiday treat.

1-4 Off on All Suits and

O'Coats

The Famous Dry Goods Co.

115 E. Commerce St.

FOR SALE

14 acres land in Eastern part
of town on pike—not rented.38 acres land 3 miles northeast
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2-story house on Milam St.

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7-room house, McKinney and
Milam.63 acres land 1 mile west of
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town.Jesse McLendon
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103 SOUTH SHERMAN ST.

Only 6 More Shopping Days till Xmas

For one great gift, O Lord, I pray:
To thus inspire some soul each day!

Patterson's Column**HEATH-KIRKHAM**

A most impressive wedding was quietly solemnized at high noon Sunday, Dec. 16, 1923, when Mary Grace, the beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kirkham became the bride of F. Darnell Heath of Dallas.

Rev. C. E. Wilkins, also of Dallas and brother-in-law of the bride, officiated.

After Mrs. W. P. Boling sang, "Love You Truly," she softly played Lohengrin Bridal March. Preceded by little Doris Boling, bearing the ring, the bride and groom entered and took their places before the improvised altar which had an embankment of cut flowers and made a beautiful setting for the solemnity of the ceremony.

The bride's bouquet was of white crysanthemums with a shower of bridal wreath and ferns.

Mrs. Heath was a former student of Baylor University and at present is a student of S. M. U. where she expects to complete her course of study.

Mr. Heath being a young business man of Dallas with bright prospects before him. Their friendship leading back to High school days.

At home to friends 4617 Ash Lane after Dec. 20, 1923.

Both having friends in Mexia who wish them every happiness.

Any one wishing a calendar that owns a car and has not received a card we will be glad to give you one if you will call at our No. 1 Station and fill out one of the cards. Mexia Battery and Tire Co., Inc. 18-10

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Mexia Drug Co.

Takes pleasure in announcing the arrival of their holiday goods, which are now on display at their store.

The line includes a complete assortment of the following:

EVERSHAP PENCILS

WAHLS PENS AND PENCILS in silver and gold sets.

JEWELRY of the latest designs and patterns.

EASTMAN KODAKS and Supplies.

TOILET GOODS of the leading manufacturers in fancy holiday packages.

STATIONERY in fancy packages including the famous **SYMPHONY LAWN**.

HIGH GRADE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR GREETING CARDS

ALSO a large assortment of **TESTAMENTS AND BIBLES**.

MANY other articles that will please you.

We solicit your purchases on above items, as well as your prescription and drug needs.

Always Pleased to Serve You

Mexia Drug Company, Inc.

The Rexall Low Priced Store

Phone No. 6-201 E. Commerce.

I LIKE jingles and was
* * *
THEREFORE NOT surprised
* * *
WHEN THE judges in our
* * *
SLOGAN CONTEST awarded
* * *
THE SECOND prize which
* * *
WAS a nice Fountain Pen
* * *
TO TRACEY Fishburn
* * *
FOR HIS splendid rhyme "Ad"
* * *
WHICH FOLLOWS
* * *

"Patterson's Jewelry Store
Is on the Main street
Of our town
It is known as the best
In the country all around
Of course we are making
No rivals between
But Patterson's is Best
Mexia has seen"
* * *
TRACEY HAS the talent
* * *
FOR RHYMING and if he
* * *
STICKS TO it as a hobby
* * *
AND NOT as a vocation
* * *
IT WILL afford him and
* * *
HIS FRIENDS a lot of fun
* * *
AND PLEASURE but if he
* * *
TRIES TO make a living
* * *
AT VERSIFYING he will
* * *
PROBABLY STARVE
* * *
TOMORROW I will announce
* * *
THE NAME of the
* * *
WINNER OF the third prize
* * *
SO WATCH this column
* * *
AND ABOVE all don't
* * *
FORGET THAT at our store
* * *
YOU GET just what you pay
* * *
FOR AND pay no more than
* * *
IT IS really worth
AND IN spite of the
CROWDS WE can wait upon
YOU PROMPTLY
I THANK you

—Patterson.

Where Do You Live?

E. Commerce
E. Milam
E. Palestine
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E. Titus
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Pioneer News Stand

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 12, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:

I am asking you to bring me a wicker doll buggy and a doll dresser and gold pinole and don't forget my little baby sister. I want you to bring her a rattle and a rubber doll.

Your little friend,
Alice Nanine Waller.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 14, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 7 years old and I go to school every day and I dearly love my teacher. Please bring me a pair of pants to wear with my boots, pair boxing gloves, candy fruit and nuts. Please don't forget my teacher, Miss Julia Kaul.

Your little friend,
Anderson Hall.

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MEXIA PANTS WANTED
ON PACIFIC COAST
Renodo, California is a long ways from Mexia, but not too far for folks to want Mexia-sold pants. John Phillips of Karner & Phillips today received a letter from a party in that city of the Pacific Coast, asking about "Lee's Khaki pants," saying that he could not find them in Los Angeles and wanting Mr. Phillips to parcel post him a pair.

We charge 25¢ for all gasoline and tire service calls inside of the city limits; 50¢ per mile thereafter. A charge of 25¢ to everyone for taking off and putting on chains. Mexia Battery & Tire Co., Inc., Nos. One and Three Stations. 18-10

Those Swindled In Big Deal To Go Before Jury

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Victims of Leo Koretz's astounding oil swindle which is now believed to have netted him \$10,000,000 were to appear before a grand jury here today. They are expected to tell many important details of the gigantic fraud.

At the same time Mrs. Koretz will testify in a bankruptcy hearing which is expected to indicate the extent of the swindle.

The wife of the "second Ponzi," it is believed, knows little of her husband's business operations, however.

When the "oil bubble" first exploded, Mrs. Koretz was living with her children in an expensive suburban home, surrounded by many luxuries, all gifts of her husband, whom she believed was a millionaire "broker." Koretz, it is said, spent little time at his home.

While investigation of the swindle was in progress here, others were attempting to trail the missing Koretz on his flight. According to the latest evidence he was last seen in New York on Dec. 5. At that time, according to investigators, Koretz complained to friends that he was "sick and tired."

"I have been having trouble," Koretz is said to have declared, "and I'm sick and tired of the worries connected with this oil business. I'm going away for a long, long time and you may never see me again."

"My physician gives me only six months to live."

The "woman angle," in Koretz's affairs, first injected into the investigation when it was found he had been living in another part of Chicago for four years as "Al Bronson," with a woman known as "Mrs. Bronson," became more complex today. Investigators working under State's Attorney Robert F. Crowe, said they have discovered a "path of love nests from coast to coast."

Mrs. J. B. Gamble and daughter, Martha Jane, of Tulsa, are here for the holidays, which they will spend in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Martin.

J. K. Hughes is a business visitor to Dallas.

ON THE WAY DOWN TOWN

By SLYBOOTS

I was afraid to come to town down "Main Street" this morning, since I learned that one or two people here got sore at The News Sunday for carrying the article on the front page that referred to the action of the Mexia Rotary in conferring the honor of "President Emeritus" of the club on Colonel Albert E. Humphreys, its first president, and regarding the banquet he tendered a few Mexia Rotarians and their friends in Dallas recently.

Some of those doing the criticizing, too, were brother Rotarians with Brother Humphreys, saying that the bunch at the News was a crowd of hero worshippers. It occurred to me when I heard about it that the critics had inverted the Rotary slogan and had the idea that Rotary means "Self Above Service" and not as it says, "Service Above Self."

So I came down the alleys and wondered whether it was really true that these downtown would some day be paved, like The News has saying they would since November 1921.

I ran into Tevis Morrow and told him to get out of my way, please, as I was in a hurry to get Dr. Hamm, as my wife and our six children were suffering with the measles and I wanted medical attention for them right at once. Tevis told me that he has evolved a wonderful scheme for phonograph records. I asked him what he had in mind. He said that the discs should be made by taking physicians' directions. Thus, says he, instead of calling a doctor when you're sick, put on the measles record and follow orders.

About that time, I met Mr. Schulz and thanked him for the splendid article appearing in the home daily Monday in which he asked the question as to whether or not isolation does isolate. I asked him if he thought taxes taxed, and he said they did. I told him that I approved Mr. Mellon for asking our Congress and Luther Johnson to take from us our tax privilege on the supposition that the average man in Mexia does not live long enough to get enough money to make the payments. Val Horn met us in the alley about that time and said he differed with Andrew, since he had just read where medical science has lengthened the span of the average life during the past ten years and if they are able to extend the period about fifty years, it will give every-

body the time they need to make their payments. Fred Karner had joined the crowd by then, siding with Val and adding that our history is replete with stories describing events which were the result of taxation without representation, like the Boston Tea Party and Bunker Hill. He said the hill was still at Boston. Owen F. Watkins was by this time on his way to the American Legion luncheon or for a cup of coffee, but he took time to throw in the information that "The Bunk has moved on to Washington."

I knew I had no business being caught in the alley with that bunch, so I adjourned.

TURKEYS

During the holidays 20c pound dressed. Pecans 5 pounds and over 15c. Sawyer Produce Co. 18-7

E. L. Smith reached home this morning from Dallas. E. L. Jr., has been quite sick at the home of grandparents at Carrollton, but is better today.

DIDN'T GET MUCH

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 18.—Even the tastes of burglars sometimes become jaded and they crave variety.

An intruder who pilfered the home of S. Thornton here slipped out with an ice cream, dipper, and two lead pencils.

WOMAN BASKETBALL TEAM

EASTLAND, Texas, Dec. 18.—Eastland is to have a woman's basketball team.

A number of women who formerly lived in the North, where the game is played extensively by women, have banded together and organized a team. They will pattern their uniforms after those of the New York Yankees, and have written the management of the Yanks, asking for information on the color of the suits the world's champion baseball players wore, etc.

Mrs. Guy Smith and children have been suffering from measles but are now recovering rapidly.

L. J. Spence, director of traffic of Southern Pacific lines, after a 10,000-mile tour over the system, reported that his survey of business conditions justified a prediction of continued prosperity.

Any one wishing a calendar that owns a car and has not received a card we will be glad to give you one if you will call at our No. 1 Station and fill out one of the cards. Mexia Battery and Tire Co., Inc. 18-10

NOTICE—Want to buy a double 2 story garage. Will pay cash—if a bargain. Phone 181. 18-3

FOR RENT—Two light housekeeping apartments, and two bed rooms, at 615 S. McKinney. Everything furnished, rates reasonable. 18-12

Population provides workers; industries create payrolls; payrolls bring prosperity; and prosperity assures progress. That's why everybody should stand for conditions that encourage industrial development.

L. J. Spence, director of traffic of Southern Pacific lines, after a 10,000-mile tour over the system, reported that his survey of business conditions justified a prediction of continued prosperity.

Keep your money at home by trading at home.

Ben Hunt was a Waco visitor Sunday.

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FOR WOOD!
CITY WOOD YARD
North Belknap Street

THE EUGENE PROCESS

Permanent Waving

embodies entirely new features which totally avoid all possibility of harm.

The hair when treated by this method does not frizz or kink, but forms into waves of natural appearance that actually last.

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Phone 407 for Appointment

GIFTS THAT LAST

When asked what you want for Christmas—say Jewelry—the gifts that last.

When you think of gifts for Christmas, think of Jewelry—the gifts that last.

A visit to our show cases will convince you that we have all there is in Jewelry.

HARRIE MEEK

Jewelry Department
Mexia Drug Co.

Old Jewelry Made New and Old
Watches Made to Keep Time

Buy Gifts For Men from a Man's Shop!



Pajamas

Soft Collar Shirts
Neckband Shirts
Gloves
Ties

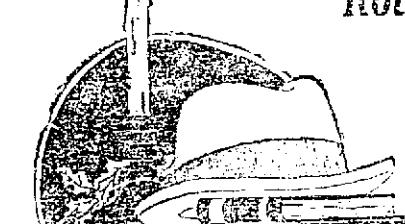
Surprises He'll Remember

Silk and Wool Hose
Sweaters
Belts and Buckles



Stetsons - Melory Rothchild

the acceptable gift
Many more that we have not mentioned.



SUITS—ALL WOOL

\$21.75 - \$25.75 - \$29.75

REMOVAL SALE STILL ON.

THE BOSTON STORE

Post Office Still Opposite Us.

Reduced Prices On *Studebaker* Closed Cars

	Old	New
Light-Six two-pass. Coupe	\$1225.00	\$1195.00
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Special-Six five-pass. Coupe	1975.00	1895.00
Special-Six five-pass. Sedan	2050.00	1985.00
Bix-Six five-pass Coupe	2550.00	2495.00
Bix-Six seven-pass. Sedan	2750.00	2685.00

All Prices f. o. b. factory

Only the prices have been reduced. The quality remains the same. It is a Studebaker policy to share manufacturing savings with its customers. With the addition of another enormous unit to its \$8,000,000 Closed Car plants at South Bend, Studebaker costs are reduced and the purchaser benefits accordingly.

In justice to yourself, you should come in and see what Studebaker has to offer before you decide on any car.

MEXIA MOTOR CAR CO., Inc.
500 East Commerce St. PHONE 213

THIS IS A STUDEBAKER YEAR

LADIES

—if you would give the men CIGARS we'll help you select them.

We will gladly help ladies select cigars so they will be sure to make the proper cigar gift to the men. Boxes of all sizes. Unusual products, popular brands—just the gift HE will admire most.

Candy for Ladies

All men are going to give all ladies on their lists candies. Every lady—old and young—appreciates candy as a gift. Place orders now and we will have candy ready for you or deliver it anywhere you say on the day before Christmas or earlier. Come and see the boxes here and select your packages.

ANDERSON & HORN, DRUGGISTS

LET US FILL YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFERS AID TO AUTOMOBILE OWNERS IN APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE

As a matter of public service the office of the Chamber of Commerce has provided itself with an Automobile license rate book and blank applications for license and will be glad during the Christmas Holidays to assist automobile owners in making out their applications for license under the new system.

The office hours for this service will be from 8 a. m. to noon and from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m.

The new applications for license differ somewhat from those forms formerly used, but are not complicated. However, it is essential that full information be sent in the application.

The following information is indispensable in making out a complete application:

If the car has been previously registered in Texas, give license and plate number used during 1923.

The name, model and year made. The horse power according to insurance rating previously used.

The engine number.

Factory serial number.

Seating capacity.

Person or firm from whom the car was purchased.

The tax collector's office states that where this information is not complete it is useless for the party to send application to him, and if the information is not given completely, it will

be returned and the party will have to do it all over. In order to avoid duplication of effort and the necessity of doing things over, automobile owners should have complete information when they come to the Chamber of Commerce office in the City Hall building, to have their applications filled out.

ROTAN.—Spur track being built to site of gypsum plant to be constructed by Universal Gypsum company of Chicago.

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Knights Templar Meeting Tonight

Regular meeting of Coeur de Lion

Commandery, Knights Templar, to-

night at 7 o'clock. Election of officers

for ensuing year, and members are

urged to come on time. Visitors are

always welcome.

W. R. STOREY, E. C.

We charge 25c for all gasoline and tire service calls inside of the city limits; 50c per mile thereafter. A charge of 25c to everyone for taking off and putting on chains. Mexia

Battery & Tire Co., Inc., Nos. One and Three Stations.

JUNCTION.—Construction of new

high school building under way.

Former Russian Soldier Now An American Citizen

GALVESTON, Texas, Dec. 18.—Behind the simple announcement that Herman Cictor Friede, civil engineer, had been granted American citizenship papers, lay a tale of the World War's desolation in Russia.

Petrograd knew Friede as the son of Baron Friede, member of one of the oldest families in Russia. During the war he won three distinguished service medals for heroic conduct as a Captain of Cossacks.

With the advent of the Bolshevik regime, possessions of the Friede family were swept away and Captain Friede luckily escaped with his life.

FINAL CALL From Our Ready-To-Wear Department



**Any Dress
In Our House
1-2 Price
Silks and Wools**



**Coats 20%
Off**

All Ladies and Children's

**Coat Suits
1-2 Price
Your Choice of our Stock.**

**20% Off
Negligees and Kimonas**

"Give Practical Gifts"

HIGDON-McELROY COMPANY

WANDA HAWLEY

Wanda Hawley, whose piquant blonde loveliness has won thousands of friends among film fans, plays Lady Agnes Deppingham in "The Man From Brodnye's," the picturization of George Barr McCutcheon's famous novel, directed by David Smith for Vitagraph. Miss Hawley recently returned from a trip to Egypt where she learned that sheiks generally are just plain, old, fat men and quite different from the wild young horseman who is usually described as the passionate lover of the sand wastes.

SHOW'S OVER

Short skirts have had their day.

And now

They're trailing on the ground,

I vow

Shy modesty once more

Is queen;

No more the dimpled knee

Is seen.

Now legs are limbs—at least

Pro tem,

Because we don't see much

Of them.

From short to long their course

They've run,

And now the free burlesque

Is done.

—Edgar Daniel Kramer.

DILLEY.—Proposed highway thru Dimmit county to Eagle Pass being surveyed.

LOONEY ACCEPTS JUDGESHIP

GREENVILLE, Texas, Dec. 17.—

Ben F. Looney, appointed by Governor Neff as associate justice of the fifth court of civil appeals at Dallas, has accepted the post. Looney sent a telegram of acceptance to the governor last night. Looney succeeds Judge Dexter Hamilton, resigned.

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Any one wishing a calendar that owns a car and has not received a card we will be glad to give you one if you will call at our No. 1 Station and fill out one of the cards. Mexia Battery and Tire Co., Inc.

Do mail order houses help pay your taxes and make your city a better place in which to live?

Ladies Home Journal
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We take subscriptions to any magazine to be sent anywhere at publisher's price.

Pioneer News Stand



Santa Says: "Electrical Appliances"

—Mr. MAN—Santa offers a suggestion in selecting your wife's Christmas presents. He advises Electrical necessities—from Community Light and Power Co. The very things she wants—needs for the comfort of your home.

Santa was just here—dropped a big sack of brand new Electrical Appliances. Let us aid you in your choice. Among our stock you will find the following items:

- Sewing Machine —Heating Pads
- Motors . —Irons
- Vacuum Sweepers—Stoves
- Boudoir Lamps —Toasters
- Miniature Lamps—Grills
- for Xmas Trees —Percolators
- Sewing Machines

And many other Electrical Gifts too numerous to mention.

Community Light and Power Company

North Sherman St.



Let Your Christmas Gifts Be Jewelry

—If your friends have taste and refinement it makes it difficult to select a gift that will be appreciated and enjoyed.

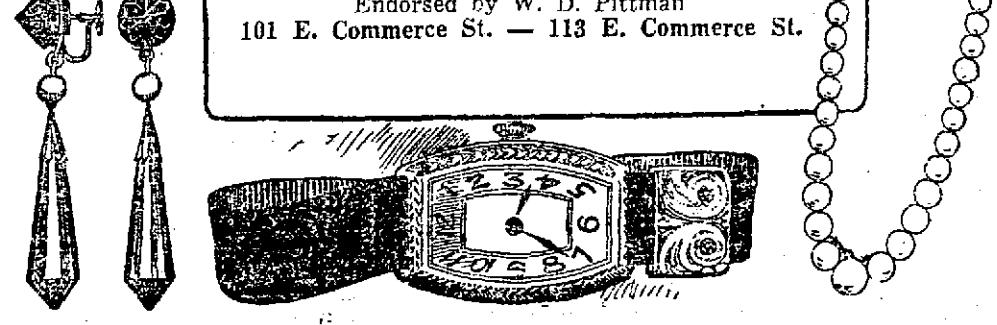
—But not if you select jewelry.

—There is a gift of jewelry for everybody—man, woman or child—and nothing so completely expresses taste and refinement as a well selected gift.

—We have a selection of gifts of jewelry that has a most attractive appeal and priced in a way that will come within your means.

A. M. Wesson

Pittman Bldg.
Endorsed by W. D. Pittman
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Holiday Displays! Gift SHIRTS



GIVE A SHIRT this Christmas—no man has too many. The wondrous selections here displayed have made this department one of the most attractive sections of our store.

\$2 \$2.50 \$3 \$3.50

KNIT TIES

50c to \$2.00

CHEENEY TIES

\$1.00 to \$1.50

BATH ROBES

Men's and Boys'
\$3.50 to \$12.50

HOUSE SHOES FOR MEN

\$1.50 - \$2.50 - \$3.00

Men's Sox

SILK

50c - 75c - \$1

Men's Sox

WOOL

50c - 75c - \$1

\$1.25 - \$1.50

Men's Sox

COTTON

25c - 35c - 50c

—And dozens of other acceptable gifts for men and boys. It will be a pleasure indeed for us to assist you in making selection.

Cheeves Bros. & Co.

"Mexia's Largest Department Store"

AMERICAN AND PACIFIC LEAGUE ASSOCIATIONS BEING WATCHED

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Blocked on all sides by a demand for everything or nothing, the major league magnates in need of improvements for the 1924 pennant races, will turn to the American Association and the Pacific Coast League.

These two powers of the Class AA leagues have made some concessions to the majors on the draft and they are now in position where they can accept players from the big time owners.

The Giants and Yanks couldn't get any place in their attempts to trade with major league clubs because their rival clubs felt in no humor to add more strength to the two clubs that have enough power now.

With plenty of young players to offer in trade, the two champion New York teams should be able to land most of the choice players of the two big minor organizations.

The Yanks already are negotiating with the Lousiville American Association club for Dean and Combs and it is understood a deal will be brought up again with the Vernon, Pacific Coast League team for Jakes May, southpaw pitcher, who has been in demand.

The Yanks have plenty of youngsters to pass out and Miller Huggins said that he would trade any of them with the exception of Gehrig, the former Columbia first-baseman, and Pippins, a young pitcher.

John McGraw is returning this week from a vacation in Europe and when he gets back to his desk he will get busy on several propositions that the Giants worked up during his absence.

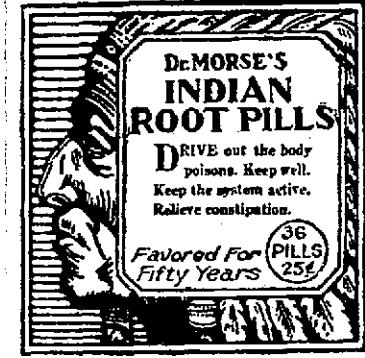
If the International League had gone along with its two class AA mates in accepting the compromise on the draft, the Giants would go after Boley and Groves of the Baltimore club but McGraw has insisted that he

will not pay the cash that Jack Dunn demands for the two stars.

When the Giants announced that they had turned down several offers of \$30,000 and more for Bill Terry, with the Toledo club last year, the belief was strengthened here that McGraw has disposed of George Kelly, the tall first-base man, or that he is figuring on him for a trade. It is rumored that Kelly will be one of the players that may go to the Cincinnati Reds in a deal for Eddie Roush or the Cards for Rogers Hornsby.

Nine Indicted Connection With Oil Promotion

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 17.—Nine indictments, charging fraudulent use of the mails in connection with oil stock promotion, were returned by the federal grand jury. Fifteen defendants are involved. Among them is Y. E. Hilditch of the Mexia-Wortham Oil and Leasing Syndicate and the Noe Oil and Gas Company.



Ladies! Darken Your Gray Hair

The use of Sage and Sulphur for restoring faded, gray hair to its natural color dates back to grandmother's time. She used it to keep her hair beautifully dark, glossy and attractive. Whenever her hair took on that dull, faded or streaked appearance, this simple mixture was applied with wonderful effect.

But brewing at home is messy and out-of-date. Nowadays, by asking at any drug store for a bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," you will get this famous old preparation, improved by the addition of other ingredients, which can be de-

pended upon to restore natural color and beauty to the hair.

A well known down town druggist says it darkens the hair so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied. You simply dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two it becomes beautifully dark and glossy.—(Adv.)

Wayland Moody, the head of the department of Modern Languages at Westminster, was a visitor to Mexia Monday afternoon.

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is a Prescription prepared for Colds, Fever Grippe. It is the most speedy remedy we know Preventing Pneumonia



No Other Shampoo Can Do What FITCH'S Will.

You can't have beautiful hair unless your scalp is clean and—your scalp can't be clean unless you use FITCH'S SHAMPOO, a scientific preparation recommended by doctors and nurses. Sold at drug stores and toilet counters. Applications at barber shops and beauty parlors.

TRY IT.

Stormy weather is the time you need your car the most.

ALL READY FOR WINTER WINDS,
RAIN,

snow and sleet. Be prepared for inclement weather by having a winter top adjusted of our special design that will make your open car surpassed only by the more expensive closed models. The comfort and protection you will receive from this top will more than prove that you have made a wise investment. See us now.

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SKINNER'S
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CLASSIFIED RATES—One cent a word for each insertion. No single ad taken for less than 25 cents. Everybody reads these little ads, so if you want to buy or sell, or have lost or found any article, here is where you can get good results. No advertisement accepted over the telephone except from those who have a Regular Charge Account.

DID YOU KNOW that there are many changes daily in Mexia's rooming houses. These individuals watch this column constantly for available rooms. The column offers its service in helping rent your rooms. Give particulars in your ad. That's what the reader wants.

HELP WANTED — A

EARN \$20 WEEKLY spare time, at home, addressing mailing music, circulars. Send 10¢ for music, information. America Music Co., 1685 Broadway, Dept. Y-40, N. Y. 1047

PRACTICAL NURSE—Wants position day or night service. Mrs. J. Fired DuPuy, 618 N. Red River St., 16A2

Wanted a boy with wheel or horse to deliver Dallas News early every morning. Pioneer News Stand, 18-1

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FORMS PREPARED FOR TAX RETURNS

INCOME TAX REPORTS FOR 1923
MUST BE MADE BETWEEN JAN.
1 AND MARCH 25.

The following statement is issued by James W. Bass, collector of internal revenue, Austin, of the First district of Texas:

Assured by the bureau of internal revenue of prompt service in furnishing the necessary forms, taxpayers need experience no delay in the filing of their income tax returns for the year 1923. The filing period is from January 1 to March 15, 1924. On January 2—the first being a holiday—forms for filing individual, corporation partnership, personal-service corporations, information, fiduciary, and other returns required by the revenue act will be available at the office of collector of internal revenue, Austin, and following branch offices: Waco, Houston, San Antonio and El Paso. After January 2, a copy of the form desired may be obtained on written request.

Form 1040A, heretofore used for filing returns of individual net income of \$5000 or less, from whatever source derived, has been revised and simplified in the interests of the largest class of taxpayers, salaried persons and wage earners. The new form will be used for reporting net incomes for the year 1923 of \$5000 or less derived chiefly from salaries and wages. Reducing to a minimum the problem of correctly making out an income tax return, Form 1040A consists of a single sheet in which space is provided for answers to only three questions in relation to income: salaries, wages, commissions, etc.; interest on bank deposits, notes, mortgages, and corporation bonds, and "other income." On the reverse side are instructions. Formerly Form 1040A has consisted of six pages, the questions pertaining not only to salaries and wages, but to income from business, professions, sales of real estate, and other sources. It is estimated that for the year 1923 more than 4,000,000 persons, or 70 per cent of those who annually are required to file income tax returns, will use the new form.

Persons, any part of whose income for the year 1923 was derived from business or profession, farming, sale of property or rents, regardless of the amount, will be required to use the larger form 1040. The use of form 1040 will be required, also, in cases where the net income was in excess of \$5000, whether from salary, business, profession, or other taxable sources. Formerly Form 1040 was used only for reporting individual net income of more than \$5000.

Forms for filing individual returns of income will be sent to persons who filed similar returns for the year 1922. It being impossible to determine this year the form desired by the taxpayer—whether he be a man whose income was derived chiefly from salary or wages or from business, profession, or other taxable sources—the taxpayer will receive both forms, and is advised to note carefully the instructions regarding their use.

THE NERVE OF HIM

Mrs. Hoolihan: Sure an' the land lord flirted this mornin'!"

Mr. Hoolihan: "Wot? Wid you?"

Mrs. Hoolihan: "Naw, wid death. He had the nerve to ask me for the rent, and us only four mont's behind."—American Legion Weekly.

A LESSON

Milly: "Miss Oldun caught a burglar in her room and married him to reform him."

Billy: "And did it work?"

Milly: "Well—at least it taught him to be more careful."—American Legion Weekly.

State-wide industrial survey reports capital investment in Texas in excess of \$600,000,000, with 6520 manufacturing plants, and total annual value of \$1,900,000,000 in manufactured products.

NOTICE—Anyone contemplating buying a Butter-Kist Popcorn machine will profit now and later on by communicating with A. E. Epperson at the Oasis Confectionery at Mexia, Texas.

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Last Sunday evening at eight o'clock a Christmas pageant was given at the M. P. church at Tehuacana the main feature of which was the representation of the birth of Christ. The program was followed by several short addresses from the pastor, Rev. H. M. Thompson, and others and was well enjoyed by all who attended.

We charge 25c for delivering gasoline any place in the city limits; 50¢ mile thereafter. Applies to everyone. Mexia Battery & Tire Co., Inc. 18-10

Miss Lucile Covley has returned to her home here, following an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. J. B. Gambrell of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Rex Forrest who was operated on recently at Temple, is reported to be resting nicely at present, a bit of information that will delight her friends.

Mexia merchants want your trade. Trade with home town people.

EARLY END OF REVOLUTION PREDICTED

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 18.—The only semblance of success achieved by the rebels on the front was when they marched into Puebla, which was voluntarily evacuated by the Federals, is unofficially announced. Obregonists are predicting a speedy end to the rebels soon as the general attack is launched under Obregon's personal direction.

BOWIE.—100,000 lbs. dressed turkeys shipped to eastern markets this season bring farmers over \$20,000.

ORANGE.—Sun Company's No. 2 Carrie Brown well came in making 5,000 bbls. daily.

DALLAS.—Improvements calling for expenditure of \$1,000,000 planned by Texas and Pacific Railway.

Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association to distribute \$4,207,702 to members on December 15.

POSTOAK.—Pipe line to be installed from Taylor No. 1 producer to Sap Railway.

ENNIS.—\$50,000 bond issue for waterworks and sewer system approved by attorney general.

Columbia and West Columbia vote \$350,000 bond issue for improvement of 11½ miles of highway.

AMARILLO.—American Railway Express Company to complete construction of new depot, January 1.

BALLINGER.—Work to start at once on new irrigation project on Colorado river.

DALLAS.—Twenty-story bank building to be erected at intersection of Main street and Exchange Place.

SAN ANTONIO.—\$30,000 building to be erected to house Friederich fixture factory.

DALLAS.—\$23,000 contract awarded for installation of water and sewer mains in new Gastonwood addition.

Courses in home study by radio—an innovation which its promoters believe may revolutionize educational methods—have been inaugurated by Columbia University in New York.

ROCKDALE.—Construction of plant for manufacture of oil from crude petroleum under consideration.

New York City has over five times as many telephones as all of Russia, and nearly twice as many as the whole of France.

Lucien Finch visited his brother, J. H. Finch of Wortham, last week.

HOME DRESSMAKING

BY JEANNIE ROLAND
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In the Height of Fashion

from the collar is lace jabot which is caught under the girdle at the waist.

Tucks are used very cleverly in the ornamentation of the blouse of this dress. They are very small and each one is put in by hand. The effective way to do this, however, is to take a strip of material wide enough for the two tucked sections and tuck it all in one, after which it can be cut in half.

The diagram shows the tucks already made. They are placed about ½ inch apart and are about ¼ of an inch wide. The tucked strip is then basted under each side of the front of the blouse, after which the over material is cut away. Make the vision about two inches wide. Turn under the edges at the sides and at upper and lower edges. Baste over the tucks, as shown in the figure, then stitch down either by hand or machine.

If preferred, the tucked sections can be of contrasting material. When the dress is made of flat crepe, for instance, the tucked inserts could be of satin. This dress is especially pretty in black or brown velvet.

Hampton Steele, President of the Native Sons of Texas, of Thornton, is here on business in connection with the organization for a few days.

W. W. Gowdy of Graybeck was in Mexia Monday.

Down Comforts

Make ideal gifts. They are lined with satin and satin. Pretty colors and prettily made.

\$18.00 to \$28.50

Fire Place Screens

These little tokens are made up in the various color schemes of rooms. Designers have carefully studied the various papers of homes and made them to match. See them on display at our store.

STUARTS

"The Bright Corner"

LET Joy Ring Out" with one of our Christmas Radio sets. On chilly winter evenings it is much more fun to gather around one of our family Radio sets—than to go out in the cold and rain and walk to the theatre—concert—opera—or lecture. You can have all of these at home at less expense and with greater comfort.

WOOLWINE WINS

PARIS, Dec. 18.—"I think I have won the fight," Thomas Lee Woolwine, former Los Angeles district attorney, said today, concerning his critical illness with hemorrhoids of the liver which necessitated a blood transfusion. Woolwine was improved and stronger today.

Mrs. R. E. Cormeans spent several days of last week with Mrs. J. R. Dulaney of Coolidge.

OPERATION HOUSE

stick by the seniority rule and the action of their party caucus in nominating Cummins.

All parties now express the belief that there can be but one result—the election of a Democrat, Senator Ellison D. Smith of South Carolina.

STUARTS

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Double Black Face Bill

Special Scenery—Electrical Effects

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Entire Change of Program Daily

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Turkish bath towel and two wash rags. Colored borders; very soft and absorbent. Acceptable as Gifts.

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